

FALLS CHURCH POLICE DEPARTMENT 2002 YEARLY REPORT

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Dear Mr. McKeever:

I am pleased to present the Police Department's Annual Report for CY 2002. I am very proud to share our accomplishments as the Department dealt with the changing demands for services.

It is because of the Department's dedicated and hard working personnel that we have been able to reduce the incidents of Part 1 Offenses to the lowest in 15 years and provide for the safety of our citizens. It is only through the efforts of employees that any organization or government can provide for the needs of its customers or citizens. As you review the graphs and charts, you will note that UCR Part 1 Offenses were down 2.4 % compared to CY 01. Our response time for emergency calls was reduced by 2.19 minutes when compared to CY 01 but our overall response time increased . The increase in our overall response time is affected by our Community Policing strategies that allow officers to work with citizens to solve issues and not to just take reports.

I wish to thank the members of the Police Department for their dedication to excellence and I thank you, the Mayor and Council for your continued support.



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FUTURE GOALS

The Department has accomplished much in the last year and has always strived to be innovative in its approach to providing the best law enforcement services to the City. This has been accomplished through the prudent utilization of resources and technology.

As we progress, we must continue to provide the necessary resources to the officers and staff through state-of-the-art technology. We can no longer rely on traditional means of combating crime and must acquire the latest in technological advances.

We anticipate that with the upgraded and integrated computer system between the cruisers and the new Records Management System, officers will have a mostly paperless reporting system. Officers would additionally be able to file reports and search our records system without having to respond to Headquarters. This will allow officers to remain on street patrol and provide better service. We intend to implement a procedure where minor offenses can be reported via telephone which should free additional time for our traffic enforcement efforts.

The department will be receiving additional workspace within City Hall and this space will allow for personnel to conduct interviews out of the public view, have adequate work space and accommodate the New Technology.

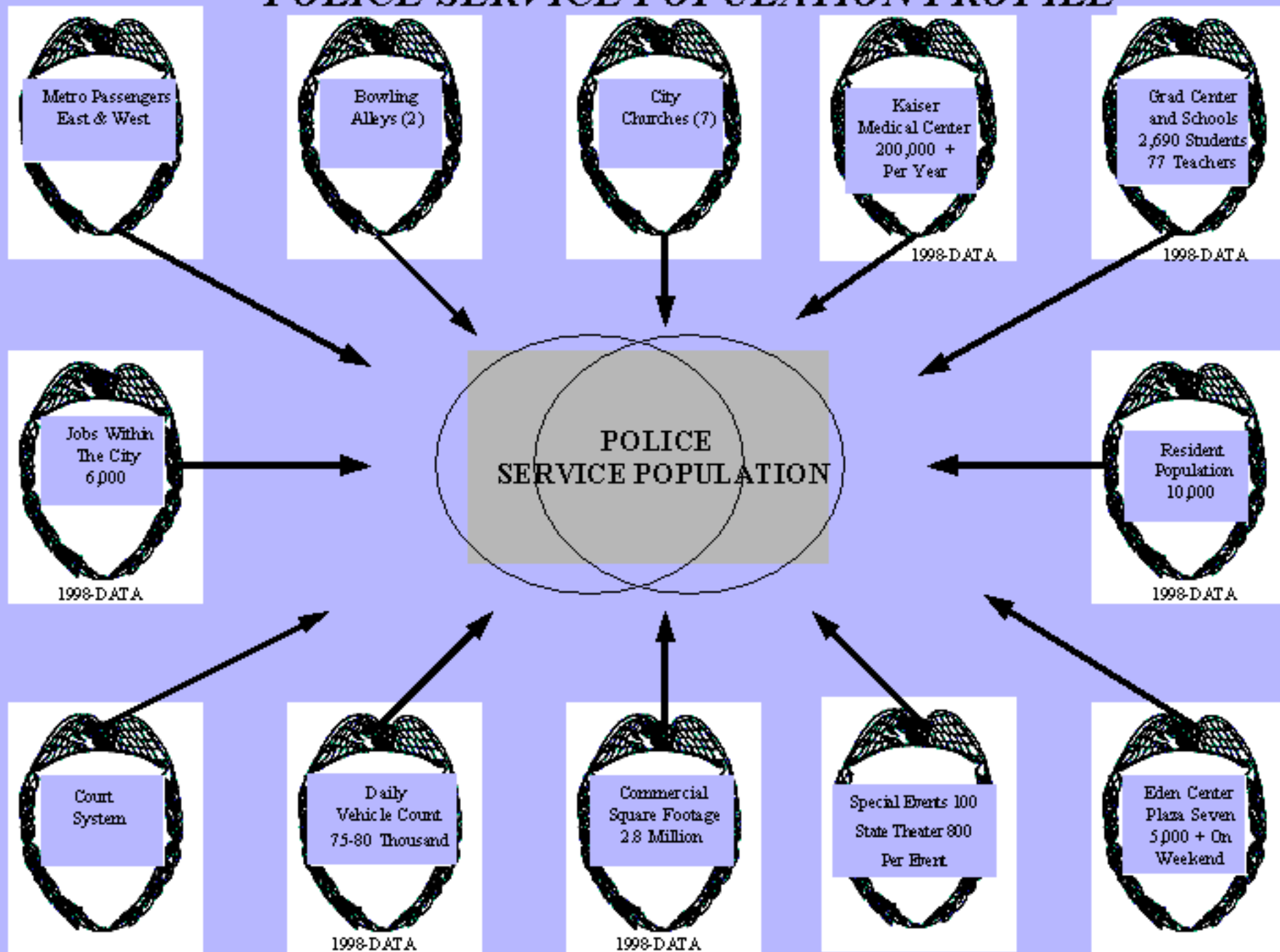
With all this in mind, we must continue the practice of the past in providing for the needs of the citizens, businesses and visitors in our City. We will have to work closely with the entire community to ensure that we meet their individual needs while implementing the many changes envisioned for the City. I am confident that with the personnel who currently comprise the Department, we can and will meet the many challenges of the future.

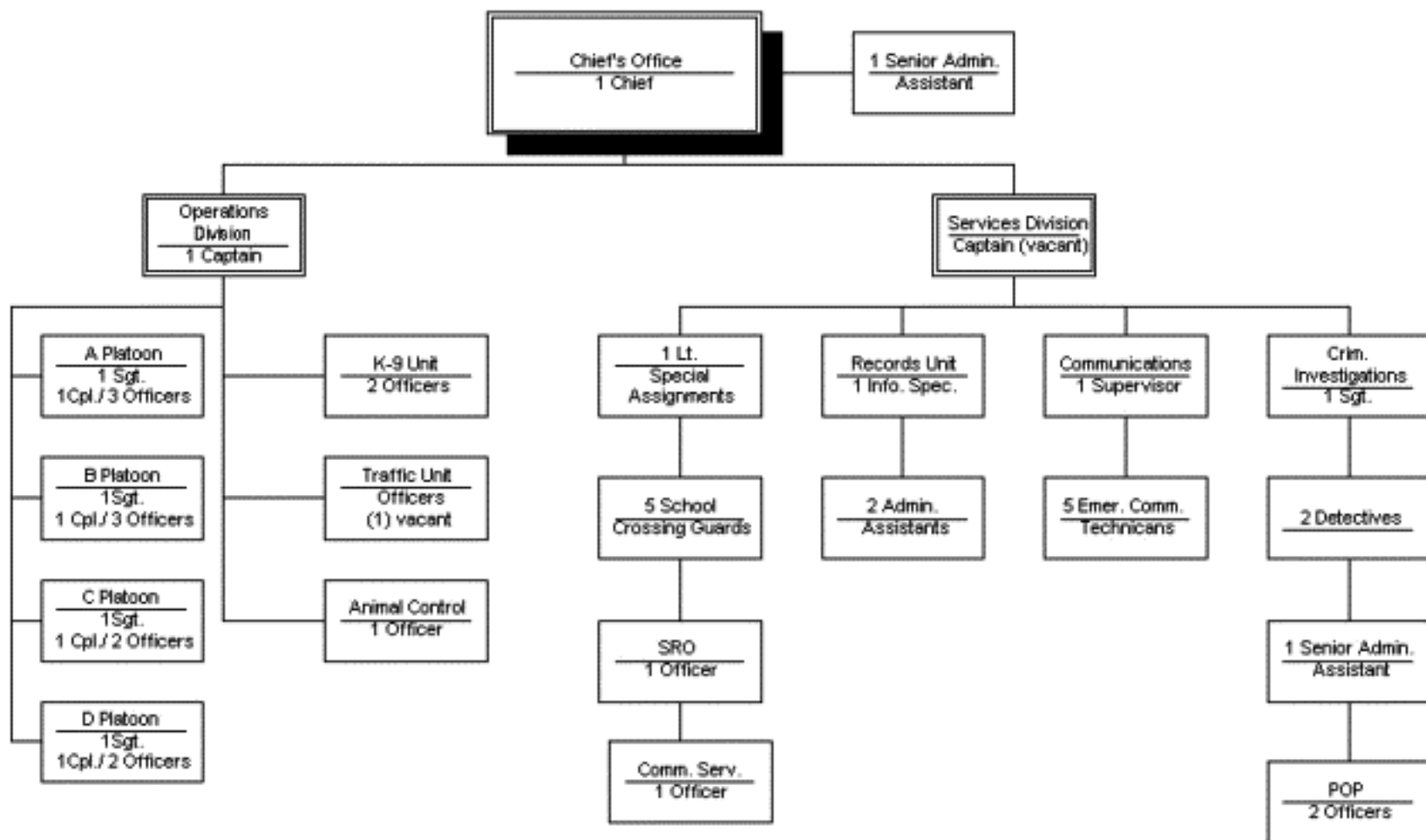
FALLS CHURCH POLICE DEPARTMENT

MISSION STATEMENT

The officers and staff of the Falls Church Police Department are committed to providing a safe environment for all citizens to work and live in by protecting life, property, and preserving peace within the community. The Falls Church Police Department has the responsibility to maintain public safety and order through the enforcement of criminal laws and traffic regulations; development and deployment of effective crime prevention education programs that include children, residents, and business owners; proper research and analysis of the service area; and coordination of interagency communications with other organizations in the criminal justice system.

POLICE SERVICE POPULATION PROFILE

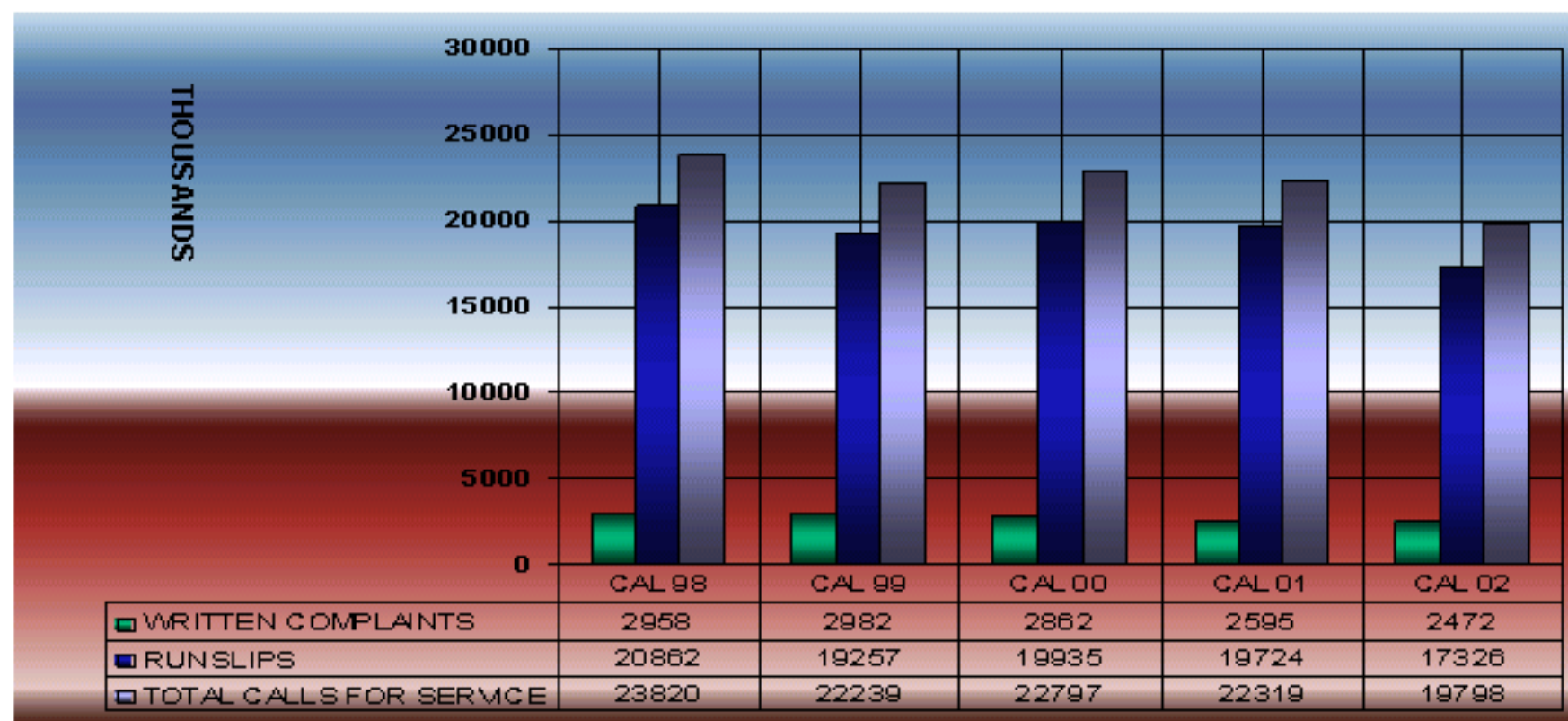




Authorized Strength
 Sworn 32
 Civilian 11
 Crossing Guards 5
 Total 48
 Vacant- 2 Sworn
 0 Non-sworn

DEPARTMENT PERFORMANCE CALLS FOR SERVICE

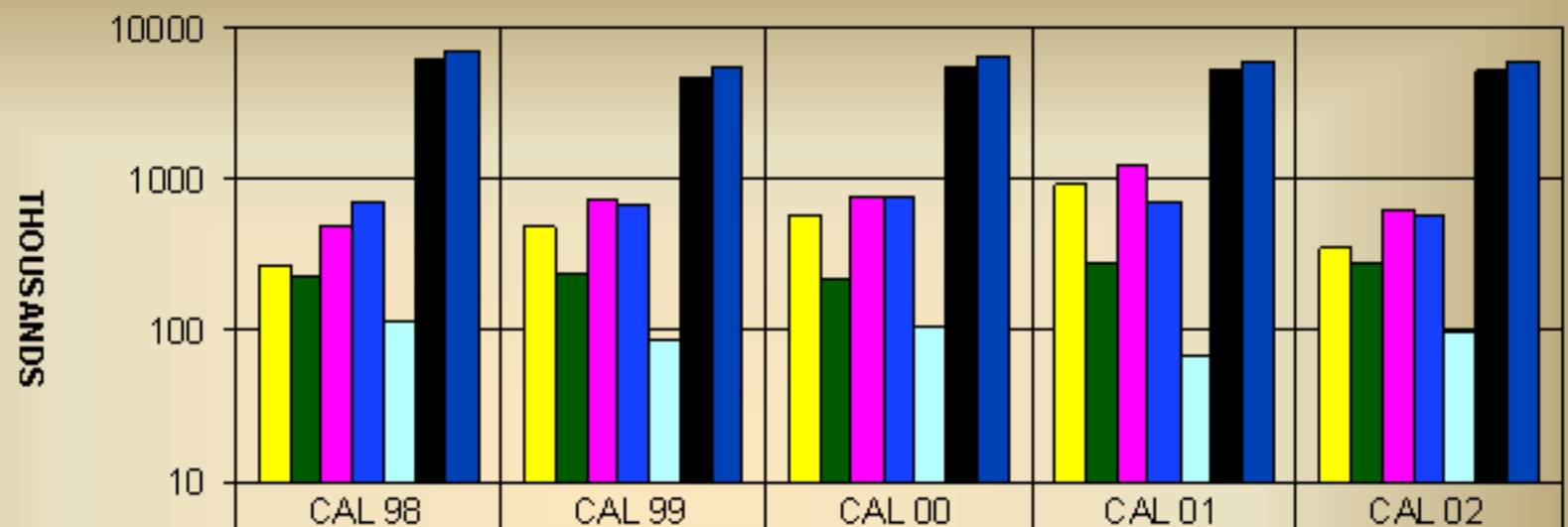
Department performance in the area of calls for service includes written complaints and run slips. Written complaints include reports of crimes committed, dogs at large, accident investigations, background investigations and non-criminal activity. Run slips are calls for service responded to but no written report was taken. The chart below shows the total calls for service handled by members of Operations, Investigations and Animal Control. Overall, the Police Department was down 11.3% over last year for all calls for service.



The average response time to emergency calls was **3.59 minutes**, down 2.19 from 2001. The average response time to all calls was **9.39 minutes**, up 3.13 from 2001.

DEPARTMENT PERFORMANCE ARRESTS & PARKING TICKETS

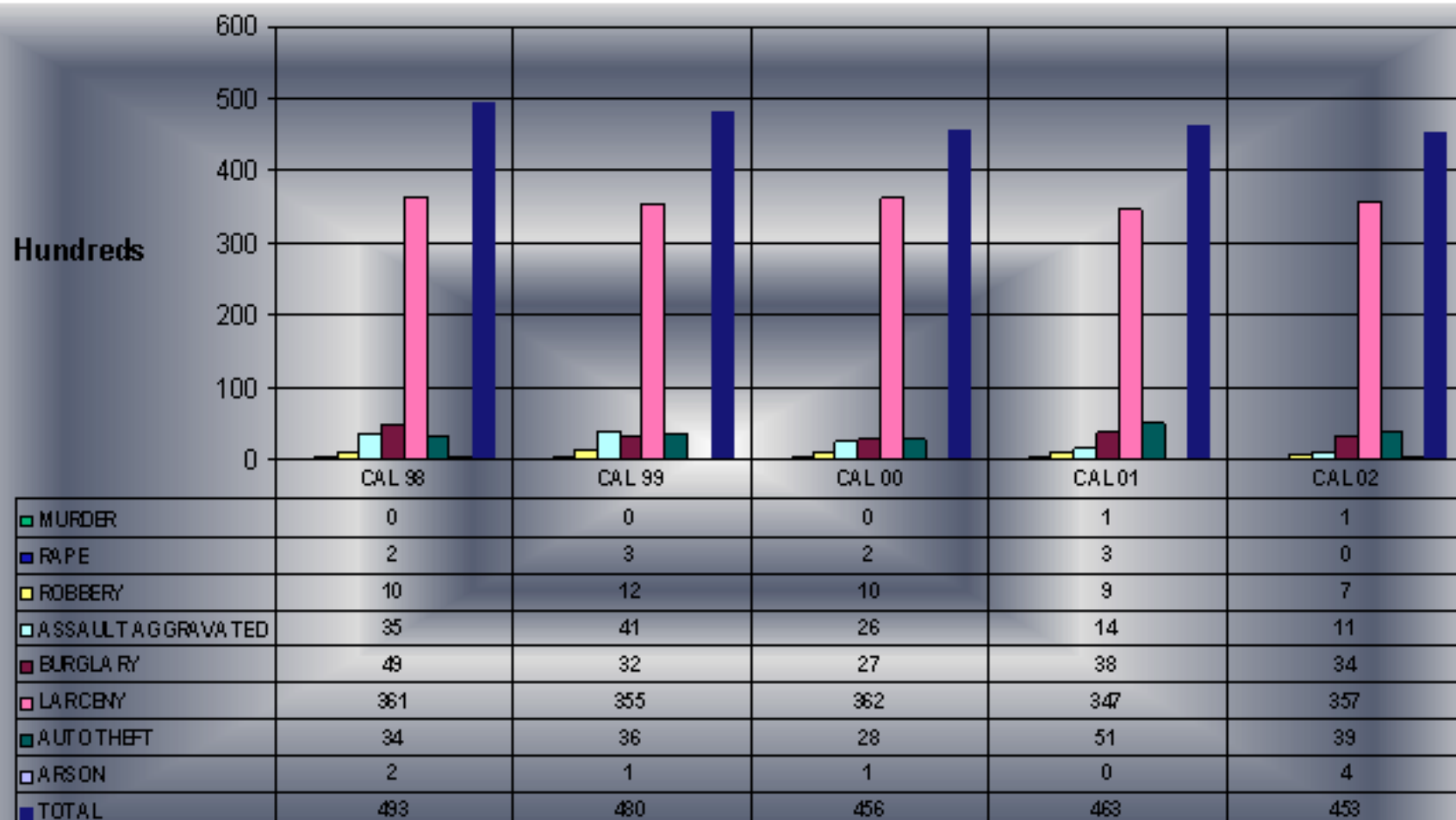
The chart below shows the total arrests made by members of Uniform Patrol, Investigations and Animal Control. Total arrests include arrests made for Part I and Part II Offenses. Parking tickets issued include tickets for Handicap, Fire Lane and City Sticker violations. Overall, the Police Department was down 3.5% from Calendar Year 01 to 02 for all violations.



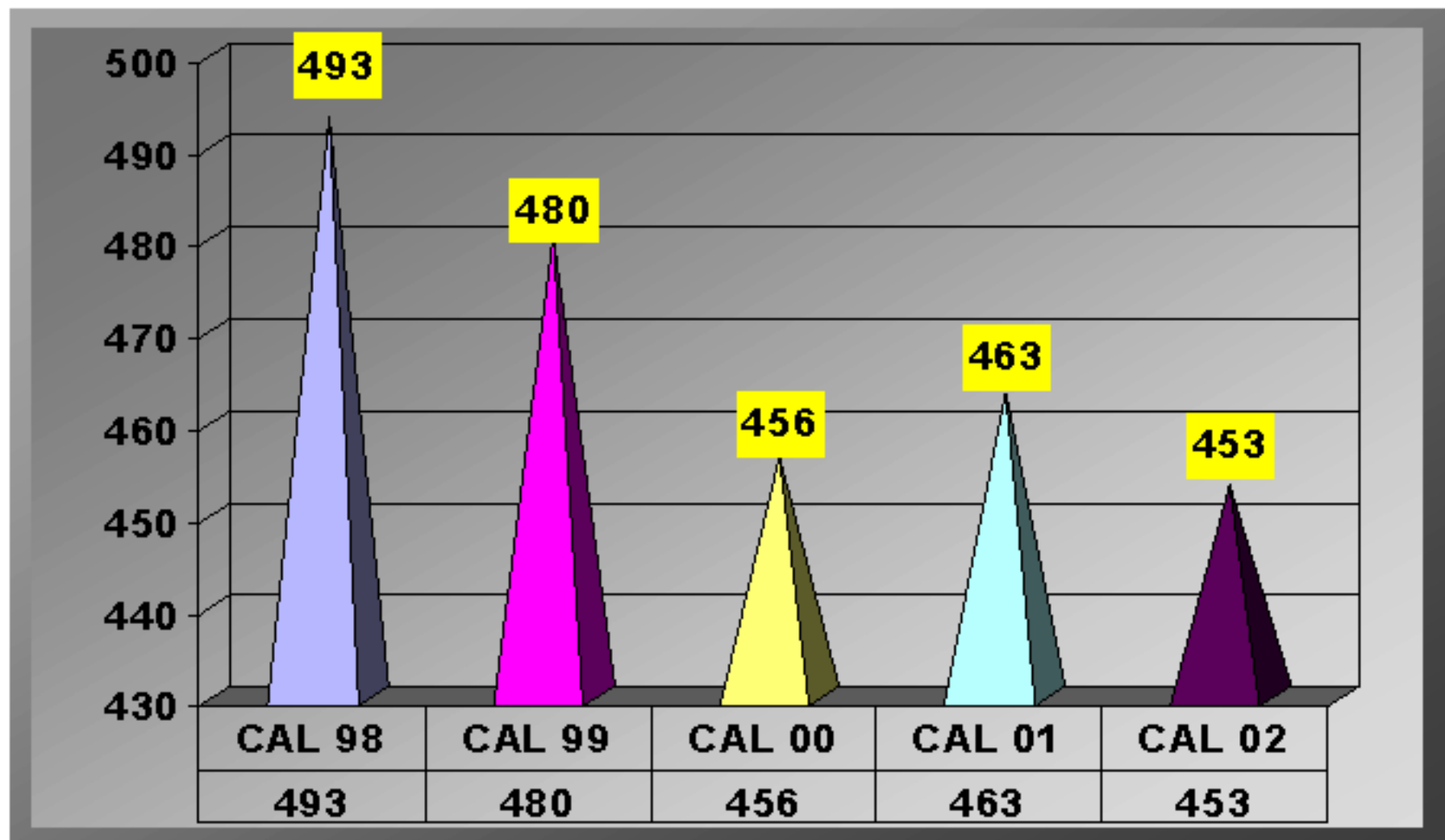
ARRESTS & PARKING TOTALS

PART I OFFENSES (UCR)

Part I Offenses or Serious Crime totals were down in 2002. A decrease was seen in the areas of rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary and auto theft. The F.B.I. classifies serious crime as "Index Crime". They include Rape, Robbery, Assault, Burglary, Larceny (both Grand and Petty), Auto Theft and Arson. The chart below indicates the Part I Offenses trend for the City of Falls Church. Overall, **Part I Offenses were down when compared to last year by 2.4% and this is the lowest rate in 15 years.**

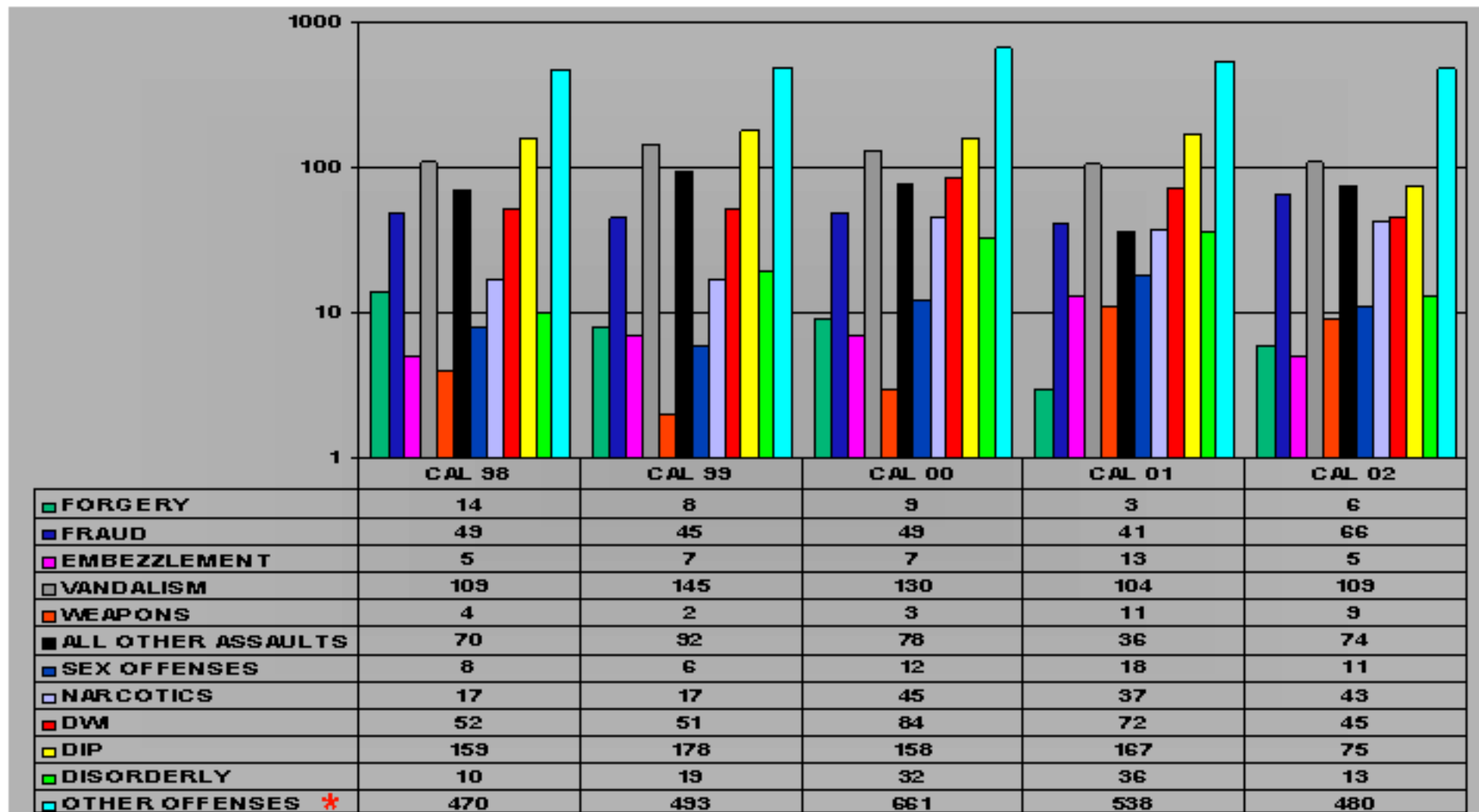


TOTAL PART I OFFENSES
BY
CALENDAR YEAR 1998 - 2002



PART II OFFENSES

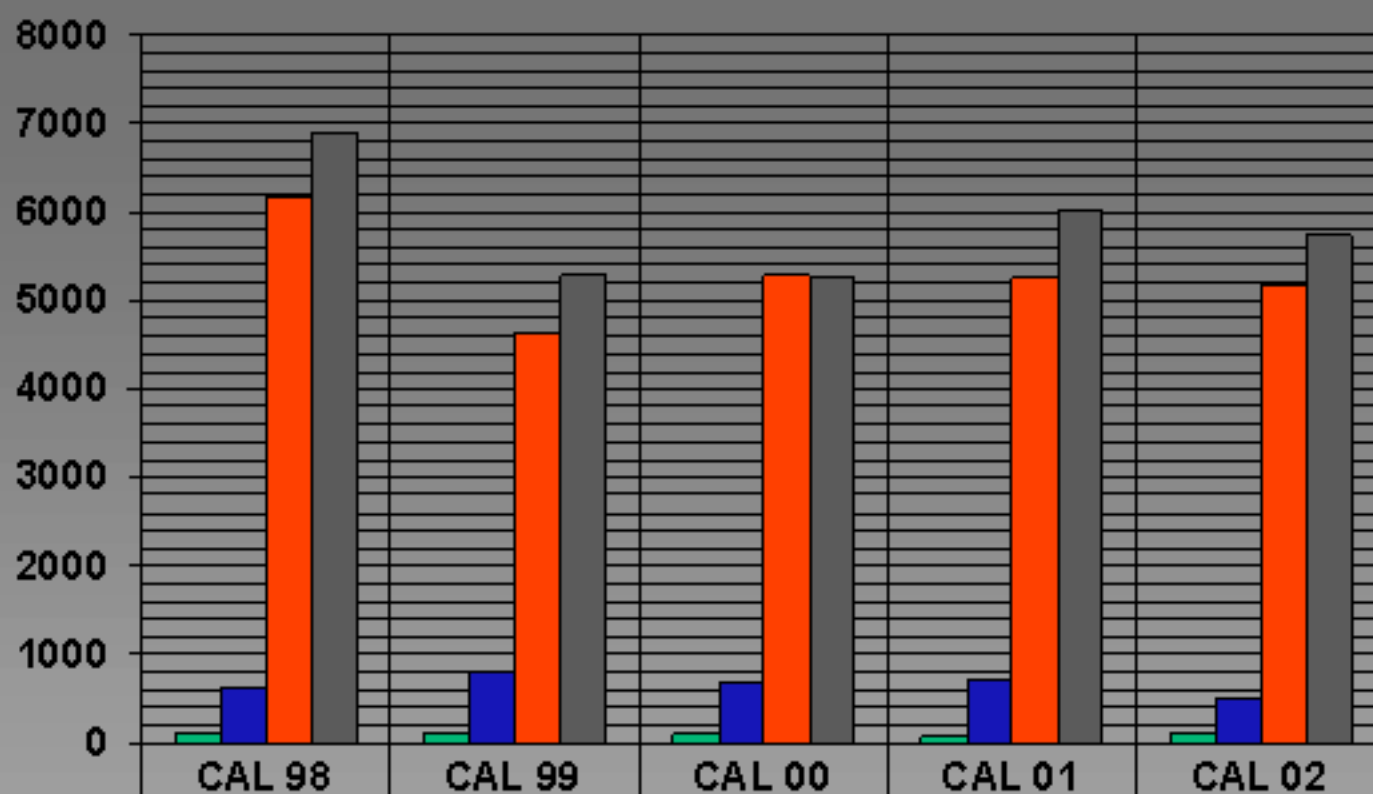
Part II Offenses are all other offenses not classified as "Index Crimes" by the F.B.I. They include Forgery, Fraud, Embezzlement, Vandalism, Weapons, Sex Offenses, Narcotics, Driving While Intoxicated, Drunk In Public, Disorderly Conduct and others. The chart below indicates the Part II Offenses trend for the City of Falls Church. * False Alarms were moved out of Other Offenses and placed in Public Service Calls for 1997. Part II offenses we're down 10.8% over last year.



TOTAL ADULT ARRESTS

Total adult arrests include any person eighteen and over who was arrested for a Felony or Misdemeanor offense or any traffic violation. Overall, the Police Department is down 4.7% in adult criminal and traffic arrests from last year.

THOUSANDS

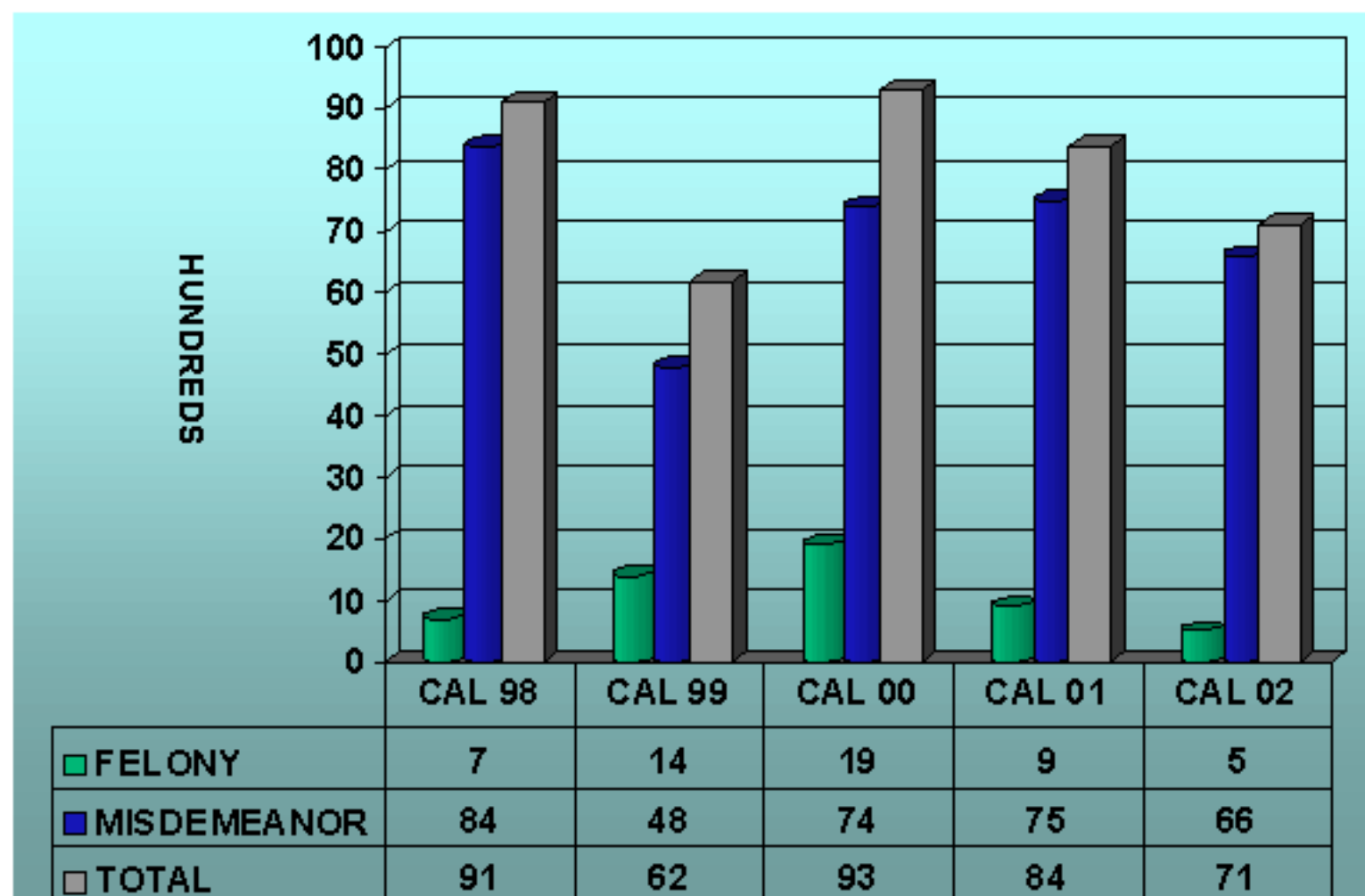


FELONY	CAL 98	109	CAL 99	101	CAL 00	88	CAL 01	69	CAL 02	93
MISDEMEANOR	CAL 98	627	CAL 99	812	CAL 00	691	CAL 01	707	CAL 02	495
TRAFFIC / RADAR	CAL 98	6175	CAL 99	4627	CAL 00	5293	CAL 01	5251	CAL 02	5156
TOTAL	CAL 98	6911	CAL 99	5293	CAL 00	5251	CAL 01	6027	CAL 02	5744

TOTAL JUVENILE ARRESTS

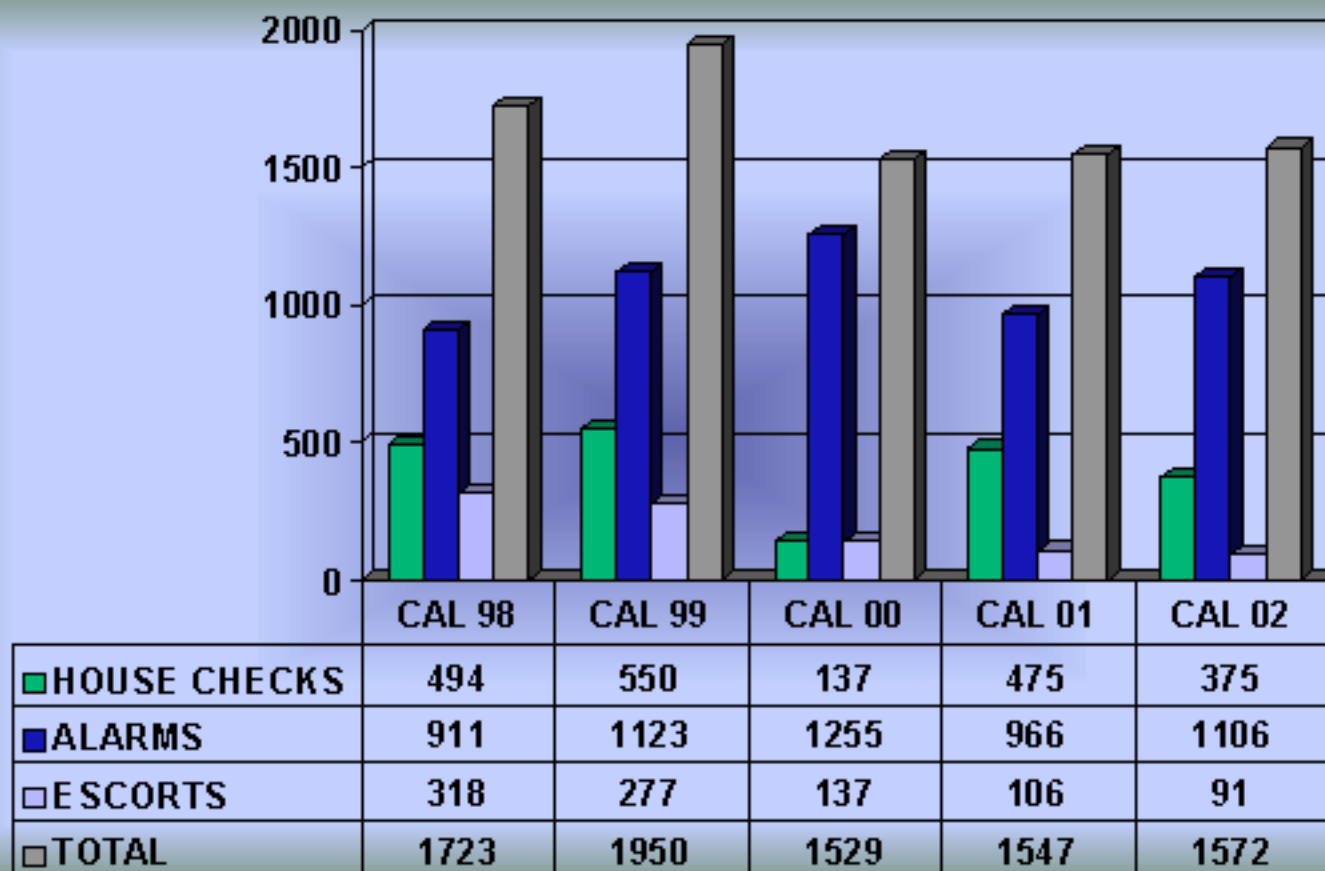
Total juvenile arrests include any person under eighteen years old who was arrested for a Felony or Misdemeanor offense. Juvenile arrests were down 15.5% in 2002.

*Juvenile traffic arrest are no longer available but are included in the total traffics arrests.



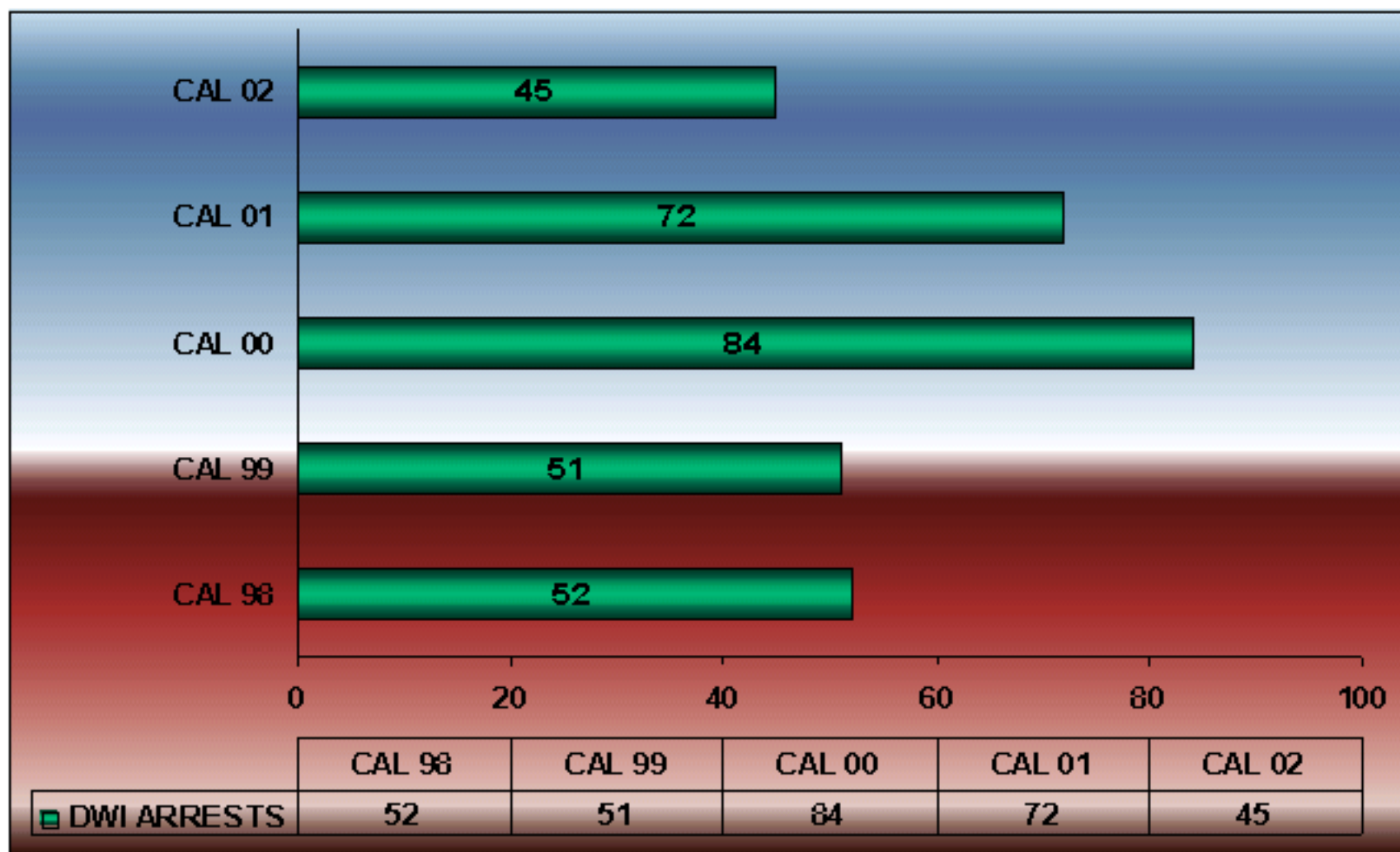
PUBLIC SERVICE CALLS

Public Service Calls cover a wide range of activities for police service. The following are some of the public service calls officers handle: House checks-when a citizen goes on vacation they can request a daily check of their home while they are away. This department is one of the few in Northern Virginia that still does house checks; False Alarms (Residential, Commercial, City and Schools)-unless there is a break-in or robbery, this type of alarm is listed as a public service.



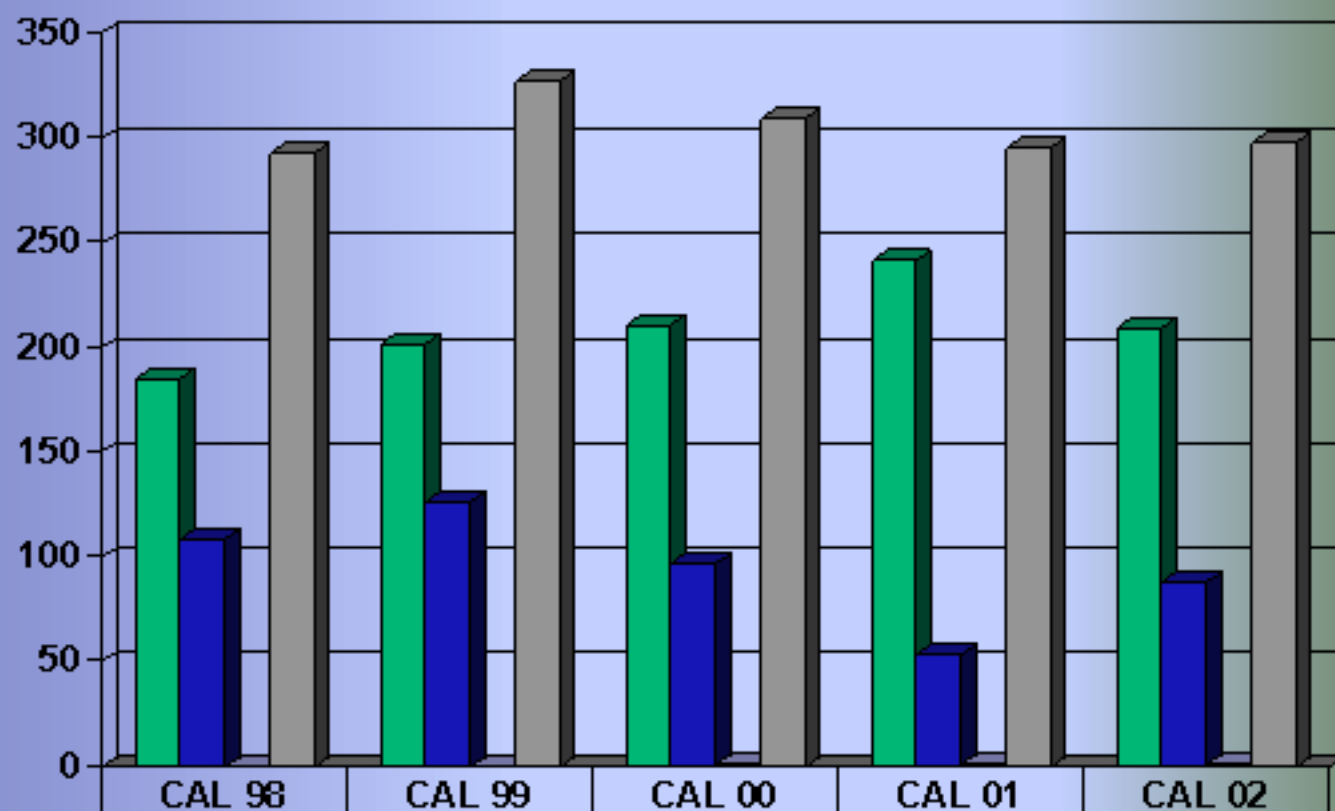
DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED ARRESTS

The detection and arrest of impaired drivers has always been a priority of law enforcement and CY 02 shows a decrease of 37.5% compared to CY 01.



ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS

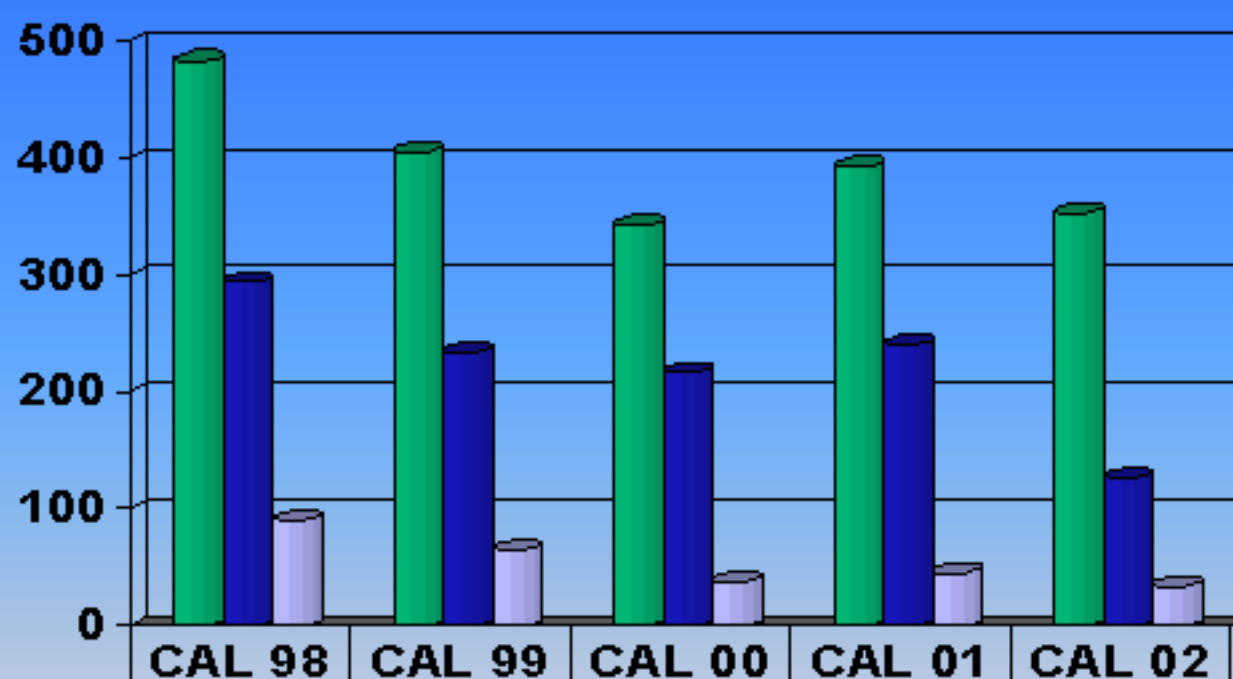
The City had a small increase in the total number of reportable accidents. There was a .68% increase in total accidents and a 66% increase in accidents with injuries over 2001, but is still one of the lowest in 10 years for accidents with injuries.



VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	185	202	211	242	209
ACCIDENTS WITH INJURY	108	126	97	53	88
FATAL	0	0	1	1	1
TOTAL	293	328	309	296	298

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

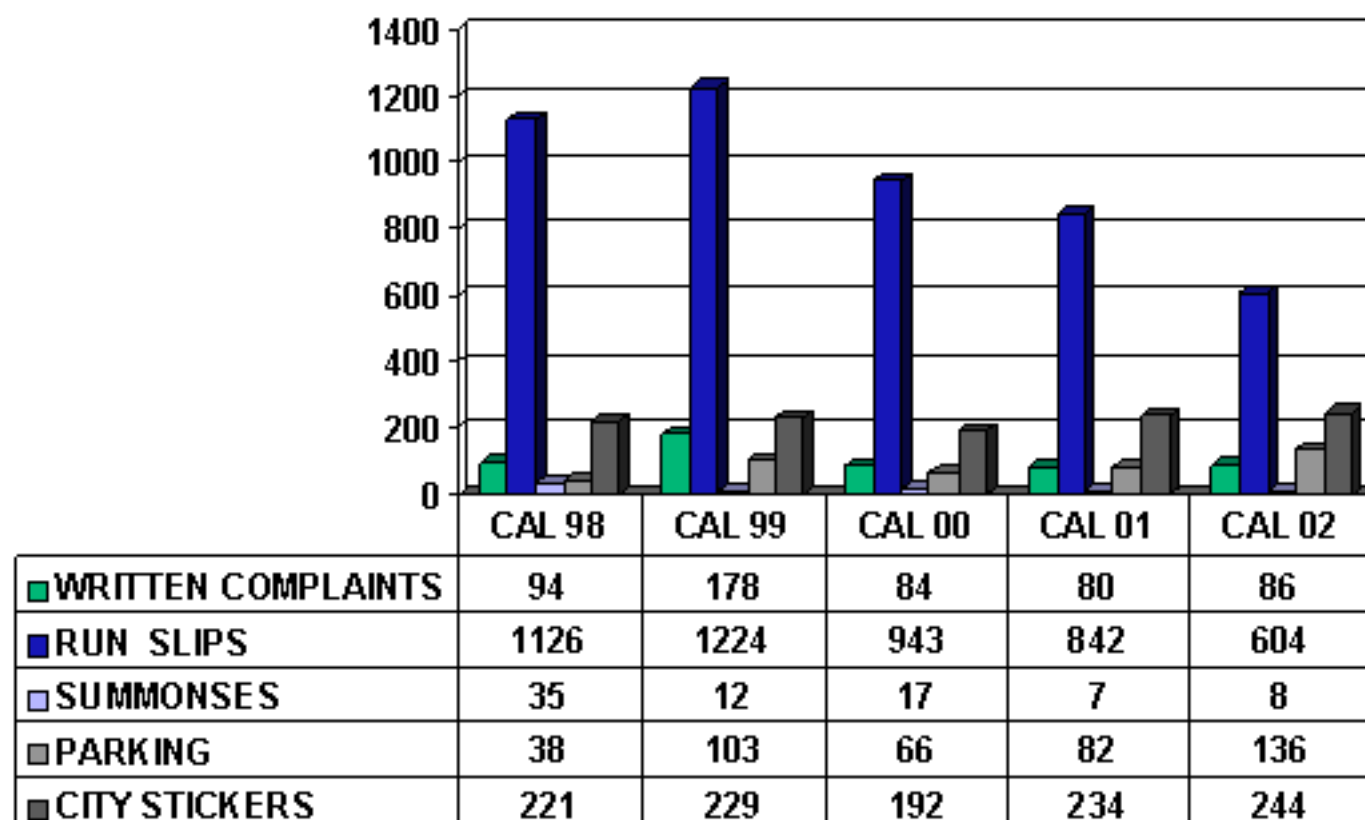
Officers assigned to the Criminal Investigations Unit process and coordinate the investigation of all major crimes committed in the City. They also assist in applicant background investigations; process applications for precious metals and solicitors licenses; coordinate narcotic enforcement; and conduct special operations (preparation and service of search warrants, surveillance and regional task force participation). The Criminal Investigations Unit achieved a 36.0% closure rate for all case assigned.



CASES ASSIGNED	483	405	343	393	353
CASES CLEARED	294	234	217	241	127
ARRESTS	91	66	38	46	34

ANIMAL CONTROL UNIT

The Animal Control Unit is responsible for the investigation of all animal-related complaints, monitoring of impounded animals, follow-up investigations of all reported animal disease cases, and City dog licenses. The unit is also responsible for parking enforcement, City vehicle license enforcement, and assisting Communications.



COMMUNITY SERVICES UNIT

The Community Services Unit is responsible for providing crime prevention programs in the schools, business and residential communities. It also provides educational programs on drug awareness (DARE), bike safety, vehicle and personal safety to our primary and secondary school students. This unit is also responsible for fingerprinting and picture taking of City school employees for ID cards.

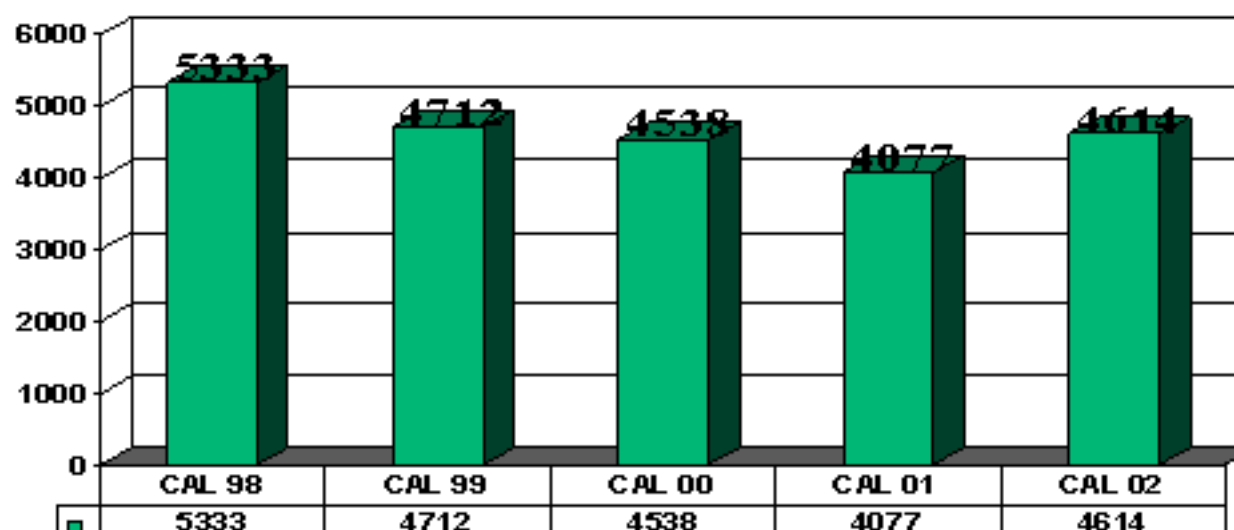
	CAL 98	CAL 99	CAL 00	CAL 01	CAL 02
Security Surveys	3	7	4	5	7
Officer Friendly Visits	52	49	53	60	62
DARE Program (1 Officers)	99	119	153	153	153
Safety Patrol Meetings	36	20	24	24	24
Community Awareness Program	71	73	79	82	80
Government Meetings	103	98	89	71	92
School Meetings	11	45	39	33	37

TRAINING

The Training Officer works closely with the administration to determine the needs of the Police Department and its personnel to keep abreast of changes in society and technology. The goal of this officer is to seek out and offer quality training to all employees resulting in a more professional and capable work force.

	<u>YR 99</u>	<u>YR 00</u>	<u>YR 01</u>	<u>YR 02</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>PCT. CHANGE</u>
BASIC	2304	792	1120	80	-1040	-92.9%
ON THE JOB	480	480	640	1408	+768	+120%
IN SERVICE	487	624	442	767	+325	+73.5%
SPECIALIZED	1441	2642	1875	2359	+484	+25.8%
TOTAL	4712	4538	4077	4614	+537	+13.2%

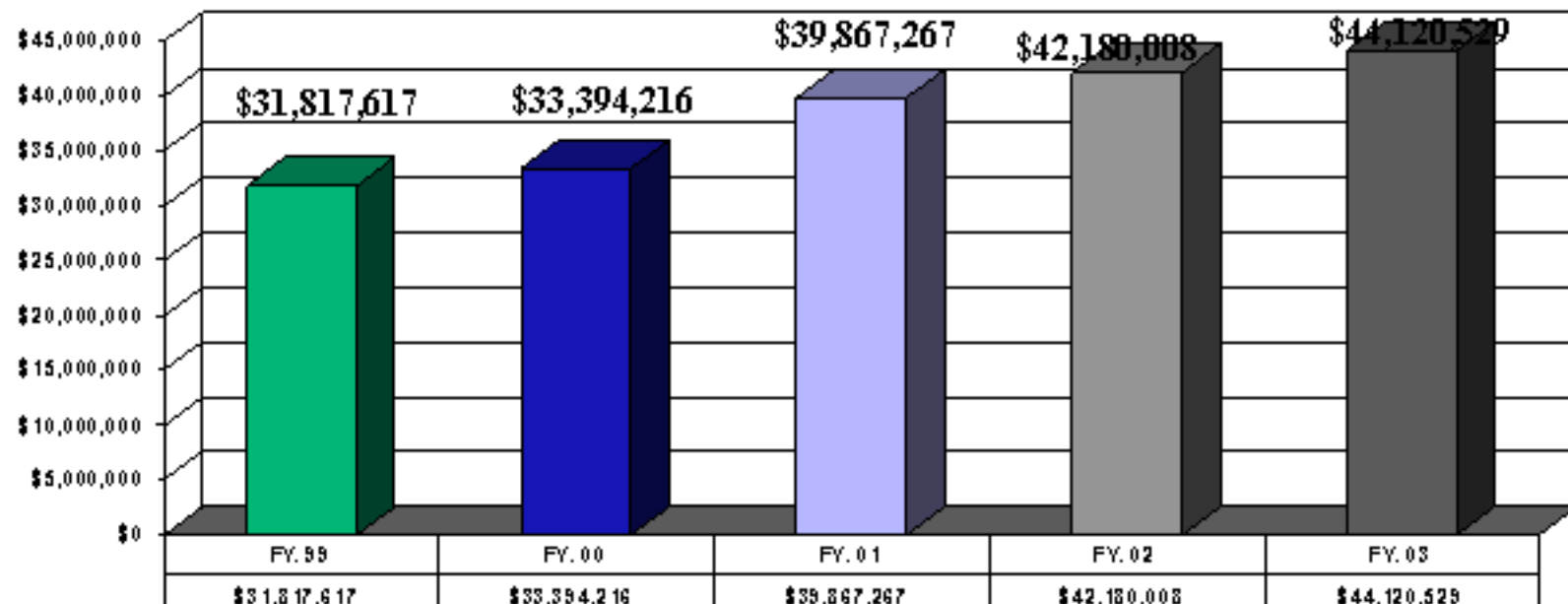
TRAINING HOURS BY CALENDAR YEAR



CITY BUDGET INCREASES (TOTAL COST)

1999 - 2003

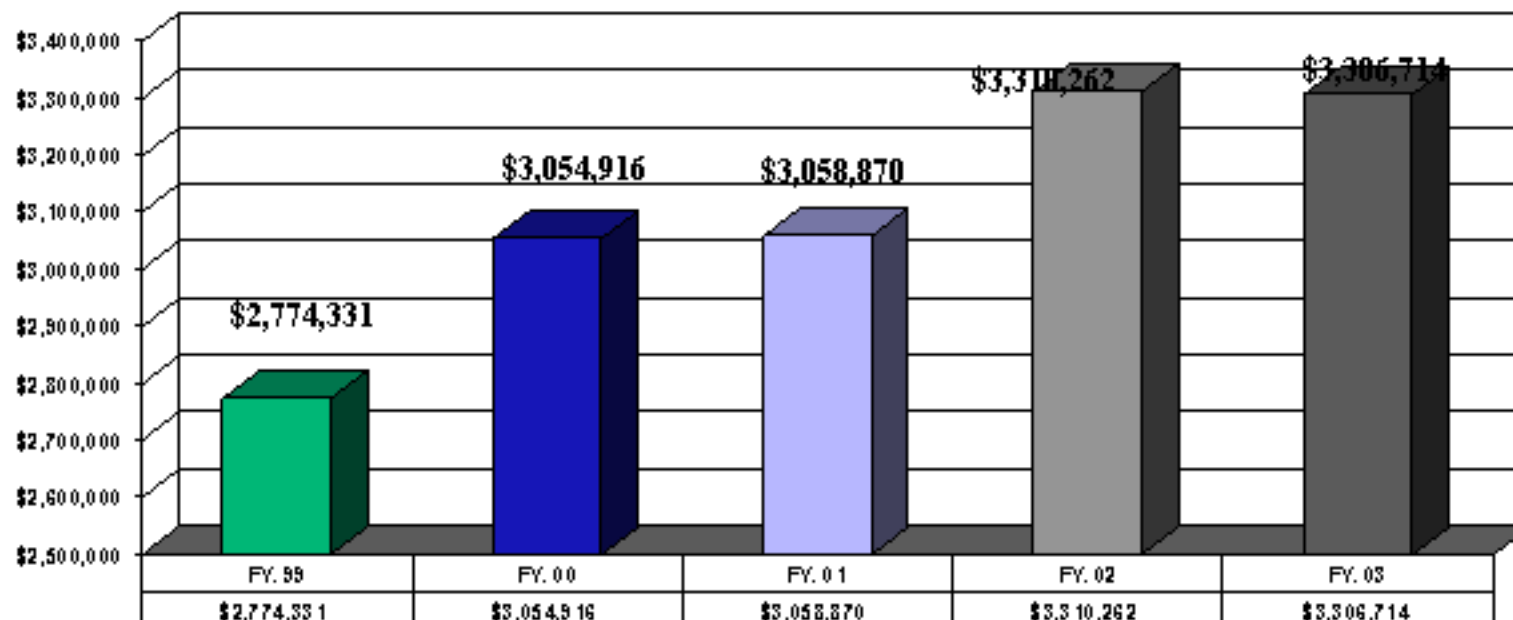
YEARS	BUDGETS	DIFFERENCE	+ - %
FY 99	\$31,817,617	\$1,576,599	+4.96%
FY 00	\$33,394,216		
FY 00	\$33,394,216	\$6,473,051	+19.38%
FY 01	\$39,867,267		
FY 01	\$39,867,267	\$2,346,471	+5.9%
FY 02	\$42,212,728		
FY 02	\$42,180,008	\$1,940,521	+4.6%
FY 03	\$44,120,529		



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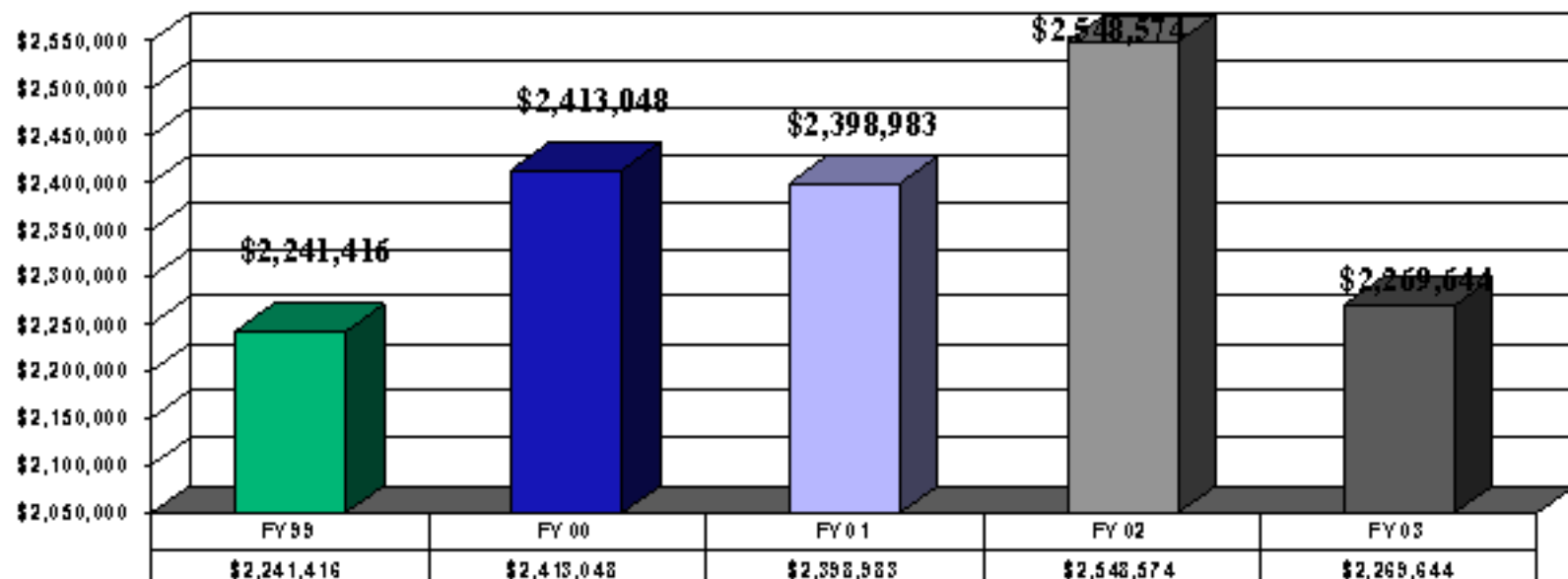
YEARS	BUDGETS	DIFFERENCE	+ - %
FY 99	\$2,774,331	\$280,585	+10.11%
FY 00	\$3,054,916		
FY 00	\$3,054,916	\$3,954	+0.12%
FY 01	\$3,058,870		
FY 01	\$3,058,870	\$251,392	+8.2%
FY 02	\$3,310,262		
FY 02	\$3,310,262	-\$3,548	-0.2%
FY 03	\$3,306,714		



POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET INCREASES (LOCAL COST)

1999 - 2003

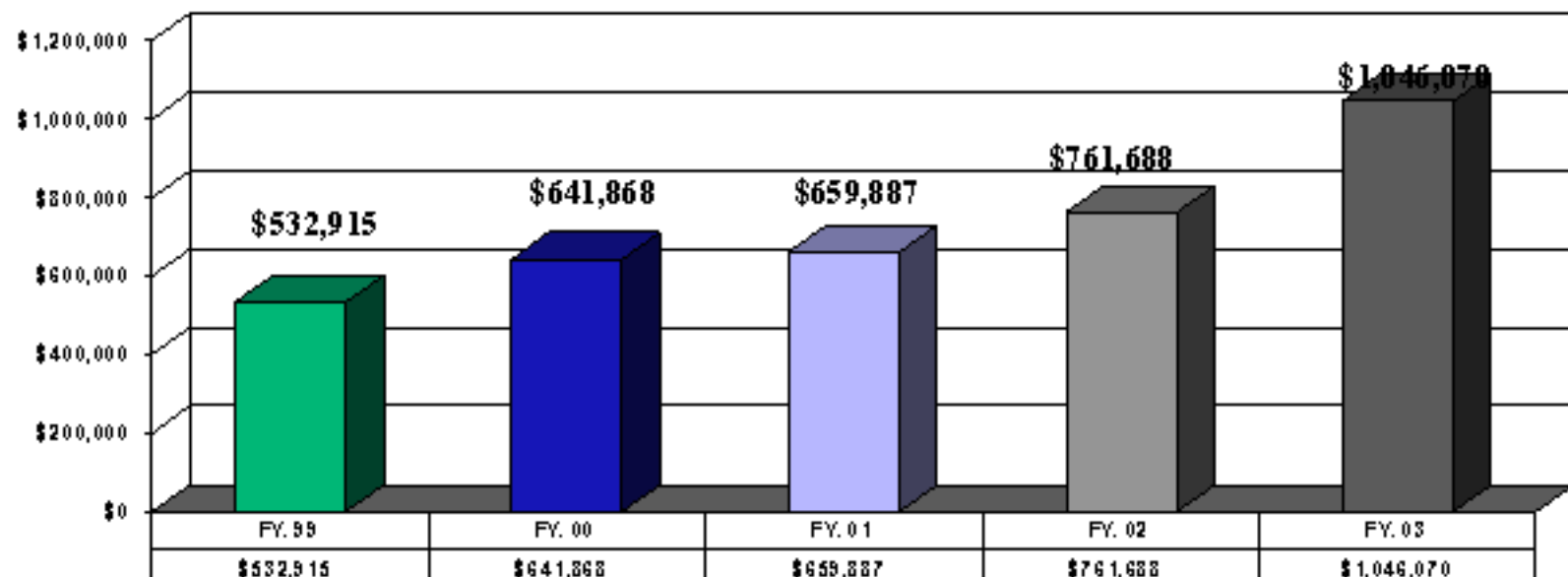
YEARS	BUDGETS	DIFFERENCE	+ - %
FY 99	\$2,241,416	\$171,632	+7.66%
FY 00	\$2,413,048		
FY 00	\$2,413,048	(\$14,065)	-0.58%
FY 01	\$2,398,983		
FY 01	\$2,398,983	\$149,591	+6.24%
FY 02	\$2,548,574		
FY 02	\$2,548,574	(\$278,930)	-10.94%
FY 03	\$2,269,644		



BUDGET SUPPORTING REVENUE

1999 - 2003

YEARS	BUDGETS	DIFFERENCE	+ - %
FY 99	\$532,915	\$108,943	+20.44%
FY 00	\$641,868		
FY 00	\$641,868	\$18,019	+2.8%
FY 01	\$659,887		
FY 01	\$659,887	\$101,801	+15.43%
FY 02	\$761,688		
FY 02	\$761,688	\$284,382	+37.34%
FY 03	\$1,046,070		



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1948 - 2002

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